

A Chinese Language

The curriculum consists of Chinese linguistics and translation. Students will learn the nature of the Chinese language, sound and grammar system, formation of Chinese 'words', origin of Chinese characters, Chinese rhetoric, pragmatic use of Chinese in conversations, etc. This will provide students with a good understanding of the language. Through these areas, the Department trains students to develop independent and critical thinking. Although Mandarin is the medium of instruction, some modules are taught in English. Graduates of the Department are always well sought after as they are effectively bilingual. Both the public and private sectors provide ample employment opportunities, especially in areas such as education, mass media, commerce, and the arts.

Entry Requirements

Students must obtain:

- At least a B4 for (a) Higher Chinese at GCE 'O' Level; OR
- At least a C grade for Chinese Language (H1CL) at GCE 'A' Level; OR
- At least a pass for Chinese Language and Literature (H2CLL) at GCE 'A' Level (Grades A-E); OR
- At least a pass for Chinese Language and Literature (H3CLL) at GCE 'A' Level (Grades A-E); OR
- A Diploma in Chinese Studies (for polytechnic students)

Equivalent qualifications may also be accepted, such as Chinese Language at Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) and Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM), PRC National College Entrance Examination (□□) etc. These requirements also apply to students who intend to read Chinese Language modules as their non-major or breadth electives.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [BA (Hons)]

To major in CL, students need to:

1. Pass CL1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of CL or CL-recognised modules which include the following:
 1. CL2101 The Chinese Script: History and Issues
 2. CL2102 Chinese Phonetics
 3. CL2103 Chinese Grammar
 4. CL2104 Reading/Writing Chinese
 5. CH2121 History of Chinese Literature
 6. CH2141 General History of China
 7. a minimum of 20 MCs of CL modules at level-3000 or higher
 8. a minimum of 40 MCs of CH modules at level-4000 or higher (see Note 1)
 9. a maximum of 8 MCs (in total) of the following:

- a. CL-recognised modules (excluding CH2121 and CH2141)
- b. CL modules that are taught in English (see Note 2)

Note 1:

Students are allowed to read a maximum of 2 CH level-5000 modules, subject to department's approval.

Note 2:

CL module codes with 3rd-digit '9' are taught in English.

Note 3:

To declare an Honours track, students must have completed 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above. Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis/Project, students must be on the Honours Track with a minimum CAP of 3.50. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a CAP of 4.50 or higher and pass the Honours Thesis.

Note 4:

Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read level-4000 or level-5000 modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

Note 5:

Students may also read CH4660 Independent Studies (5 MCs). This module carries a prerequisite: completion of 100 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20. It precludes the Honours Thesis/Project.

Note 6:

All level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours track (some level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

Single Major (BA)

To major in CL, students need to:

1. Pass CL1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of CL or CL-recognised modules which include the following:
 1. CL2101 The Chinese Script: History and Issues
 2. CL2102 Chinese Phonetics
 3. CL2103 Chinese Grammar
 4. CL2104 Reading/Writing Chinese
 5. CH2121 History of Chinese Literature
 6. CH2141 General History of China
 7. a minimum of 20 MCs of CL modules at level-3000 or higher (see Note 1)

8. a maximum of 8 MCs (in total) of the following:
 - a. CL-recognised modules (excluding CH2121 and CH2141)
 - b. CL modules that are taught in English (see Note 2)

Note 1:

Students are allowed to read CH level-4000 modules, subject to department's approval.

Note 2:

CL module codes with 3rd-digit '9' are taught in English.

Second Major

To major in CL, students need to:

1. Pass CL1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of CL or CL-recognised modules which include the following:
 1. CL2101 The Chinese Script: History and Issues
 2. CL2102 Chinese Phonetics
 3. CL2103 Chinese Grammar
 4. CL2104 Reading/Writing Chinese
 5. CH2121 History of Chinese Literature
 6. CH2141 General History of China
 7. a minimum of 20 MCs of CL modules at level-3000 or higher (see Note 1)
 8. a maximum of 8 MCs (in total) of the following:
 - a. CL-recognised modules (excluding CH2121 and CH2141)
 - b. CL modules that are taught in English (see Note 2)

Note 1:

Students are allowed to read CH level-4000 modules, subject to department's approval.

Note 2:

CL module codes with 3rd-digit '9' are taught in English.

Minor

Pass at least 24 MCs of CL modules or CL-recognised modules which include the following list:

1. CL1101E Chinese Language: Its Past and Present
2. CH2121 History of Chinese Literature
3. A minimum of 8 MCs of CL modules at level-3000 or higher*

*Students are allowed to read level-4000 modules subject to departmental approval.

Note 1:

A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another

minor.

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